

## **Finding Missing People in the United Kingdom**

The American Embassy assists Americans in cases of parental child abduction and missing persons where a citizen has not arrived at a location on the scheduled date and time. The Embassy has no facilities for assisting people wishing to trace their ancestry.

The following organizations may offer assistance to you. Please note inclusion of an organization does not denote Embassy endorsement of that organization. Fees for service are solely a matter between the individual and organization used.

### **Missing People**

People go missing for various reasons, be it through personal choice, illness, stress, abduction or foul play as well as drug or alcohol related reasons. If someone has recently gone missing and you believe they are at risk, the following organizations may be able to assist.

#### **UK Police Service**

Web: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

The police service can undertake inquiries to trace persons whose whereabouts are unknown and there are concerns about their safety and welfare. Initial contact should be made with your local police station.

#### **National Missing Persons Helpline**

Phone in UK: 0500-700-700, Phone from overseas: 020-8392-4545

Web: [www.missingpersons.org](http://www.missingpersons.org)

National Missing Persons Helpline provides support and practical help for relatives of missing people, such as street contacts who look for vulnerable missing people on the streets, publicity, TV and print media if desired, checking names on a national computerized register of missing people, and an image-enhancing "age progression" computer designed to update photographs.

#### **Reunite**

P.O. Box 7124, Leicester LE1 7XX

Advice line: 0116 2556 234, Phone: 0116 2555 345, Fax: 0116 2556 370

Email: [reunite@dircon.co.uk](mailto:reunite@dircon.co.uk)

Reunite provides advice to parents involved in international custody disputes and parental abduction. Reunite advises both the left behind parent and the parent with the child(ren).

#### **Red Cross UK**

Web: <http://www.redcross.org.uk>

London branch: 10th Floor, Westminster Tower, 3 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SP

Phone: 020 7793 3360, Fax: 020 7793 3361

The Red Cross offers a tracing and communication service to families who have been separated due to war or natural disaster. You may locate your local Red Cross office at the above website.

#### **Association of British Investigators**

27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3XX

Phone in UK: 0871 474 0006, Phone from overseas: +44 207 262 9586

Email: [info@theabi.org.uk](mailto:info@theabi.org.uk), Web: <http://www.theabi.org.uk/>

The Association of British Investigators maintains a list of professional, private investigators to conduct searches on behalf of individuals.

### **Adoption/Separated Family**

Family members sometimes lose touch with one another under non-emergency situations including adoption, divorce, and out-of-wedlock births. These organizations can help find family when the sought person is not considered at-risk. If you are in the U.K. and you have an idea in which town or city the missing person may reside, call directory assistance on 192 quoting the person's surname to see if they are listed and have a telephone number.

#### **International Social Services (ISS)**

Cranmer House, 39 Brixton Road, London SW9 6DD

Tel: 0207 735 8941

ISS is a professional social work agency, which has a department specializing in tracing relatives in other countries. They are able to help in the following situations:

- Where there has been adoption and a search is needed to find the birth parents.

- Where the child was brought up by one parent only and is now (as an adult) seeking to re-establish contact with the other parent. Similarly they are able to help where the parent has lost contact with a child.
- Where there has been disruption in the family leading to separation or divorce.

ISS are not able to trace friends, nor assist in cases where child support is the prime concern. There is a charge for the service.

### **NORCAP**

112 Church Road, Wheatley, Oxfordshire OX33 1LU

Phone: 01865-875000

Web: [www.norcap.org.uk](http://www.norcap.org.uk)

NORCAP assists adult children or parents who wish to locate natural families.

### **The Salvation Army**

101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN

Phone: 020-7367 4747

Web: [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/familytracing](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/familytracing)

The Salvation Army's Family Tracing Service assists families in locating missing adults. They do not provide location services for fathers of children born out of wedlock, non-relatives, adoption cases, and genealogy research.

### **Traceline**

PO Box 106, Southport PR8 82WA

Tel: 0151 471 4811, Fax: 01704 563 354

Traceline uses National Health Service (NHS) records to help re-establish contact between family or same-sex friends who have lost touch. The records cover England and Wales. They also forward letters to sought person. Charges apply.

### **UK Prisoner Location Service**

PO Box 2152, Birmingham B15 1SD

Email: [prisoner.location.service@hmpps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:prisoner.location.service@hmpps.gsi.gov.uk)

Fax: 0121 626 3474

The UK Prison Service can help you trace someone who you believe is in prison custody but do not know his or her exact whereabouts. All inquiries must be in writing and include full name of person you want to contact, any other names by which they may have been known, date of birth, and reason for inquiry. If the person is in custody, your details will be passed to them and he or she will be asked to give consent for the disclosure of their whereabouts.

### **War Babes**

15 Plough Ave, South Woodgate, Birmingham B32 3TQ

Phone: 012-608-5108

War Babes assists children or parents locate natural families who were conceived during the war years.

### **Kith & Kin Research**

"Green Gables," Willow Grove, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 7BJ

Phone: 023-8069-2421

Email: [info@kithandkinresearch.com](mailto:info@kithandkinresearch.com)

Kith & Kin Research locates family members.

## **Military Personnel**

### **Army Records Office**

Web: [www.army.mod.uk/contacts/divisions/records.htm](http://www.army.mod.uk/contacts/divisions/records.htm)

The Army Records Office can trace British military personnel. The type of trace undertaken depends upon when the individual left military service and the military unit in which he/she served. Please visit the website above for more information.

## **Genealogy**

The following organizations specialize in researching family trees and do not actually locate missing people. We have selected a few major resources from the myriad genealogy services. For a more complete listing, please conduct an online search.

**Family History Centres**

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

London center: Hyde Park Chapel, 64-68 Exhibition Road, London SW7 2PA

Phone: 020-7589-8561

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints maintains Family History Centres where you can find census returns, wills, church records, etc. from most parts of the world. In addition, you may consult the International Genealogical Index and the Ancestral File, which contains millions of names, now searchable online. Your local centre can be located online.

**The Society of Genealogists**

14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA

Phone: 020-7251-8799

Web: [www.sog.org.uk](http://www.sog.org.uk)

The Society of Genealogists maintains an extensive collection of family histories, civil registration, census material, etc.

**Achievements of Canterbury**

79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA

Phone in UK 01227-462-618

Web: [www.achievements.co.uk](http://www.achievements.co.uk)

**The National Archives**

Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU

Phone: 0 20 8876 3444

Web: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

The National Archives of England, Wales and the United Kingdom has one of the largest archival collections in the world, spanning 1000 years of British history, from Domesday Book of 1086 to government papers recently released. Family histories can be traced by searching the archives.

**Family Records Centre**

Email: [webmaster@familyrecords.gov.uk](mailto:webmaster@familyrecords.gov.uk)

Web: <http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk>

An official UK government website assisting those looking for family records.

**The Association of Genealogists and Record Agents (AGRA)**

Web: [www.agra.org.uk](http://www.agra.org.uk), Email: [agra@agra.org.uk](mailto:agra@agra.org.uk)

AGRA maintains a list of genealogists who will undertake family tree research for a fee.

**Electoral Registers**

Published annually by the Electoral Registration Officer of each council, these records contain the name and address of each registered voter. Access to these registers differ, but is most often gained through libraries, post offices, council offices and Citizen Advice Bureaus.